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YOUNG BROKER SHOOTS HIMSELF WHEN SPECULATION RUINS FIRM

FOUR LINES OF TRENCHES CAPTURED BY THE ALLIES, BUT ALSATIAN TOWN IS LOST

Three Attacks Reported Repulsed at
Soupir—One Hill Captured and
Another Held—Soissons Bom-
barded by the Germans.

PARIS, Jan. 9 (Associated Press).—Successes at various points along the battle line in France are claimed in the official report on the progress of the fighting given out by the French War Office this afternoon. A German victory is admitted in Alsace, where the troops of Emperor William reoccupied Burnhaupt-le-Haut.

In another place the French gain consisted of three lines of German trenches; at another they advanced 500 yards; elsewhere lesser gains or the retention of positions are recorded. The French artillery also has been active, with results declared to be advantageous.

[In the French War Office report to-day it is stated that three lines of German trenches were taken after the Germans had been three times repulsed and that in revenge the Germans bombarded Soissons and set fire to the Palace of Jaria. The Berlin report says that the several attacks were beaten off northeast of Soissons "with severe loss to the French."

The claim of the French to a gain of 500 yards at the village of Perthes is met by the Berlin report that the French were repulsed with severe loss.

In the Argonne the French say they were subjected to a lively attack, but by a counter move won back lost ground. Berlin claims that in the eastern section of the Argonne the Germans stormed French positions and took 1,200 prisoners.]

Following is the text of the French War Office report:
"To the south of Ypres we have damaged the trenches of the enemy and reduced to silence the mine-throws of the Germans.
"In the region of Arras and in the vicinity of Amiens there have been thirty artillery engagements resulting advantageously for our batteries.

"In the region of Soupir we yesterday morning occupied very brilliantly 'Hill 132.' Three times during the day the enemy delivered violent counter attacks. Each time they were repulsed. Our gain is represented by three lines of German trenches along a front of 600 metres. The enemy, not having been able to recapture that which they had lost, bombarded Soissons and set fire to the Palace of Justice.

"To the south of Laon and of Craonne our artillery demolished a camp of huts covering some machine guns, reduced to silence the artillery of the enemy and destroyed some trenches.

"In the region of Perthes the enemy delivered an attack, to which we responded immediately by a counter attack. The movement on our part permitted us not only to retain our positions at 'Hill 200,' west of Perthes, but also to take possession of 400 yards of the trenches of the enemy between 'Hill 200' and the village of Perthes. Furthermore, a direct attack delivered by us on Perthes at the same time that we were making our counter attack on 'Hill 200' made us masters of the village. We installed ourselves in Perthes and we have advanced beyond the village boundary. Our total gain in this locality is more than 500 yards.

"Along all the front between Rheims and the Argonne our artillery has inflicted noticeable losses on the enemy. This has been attested by prisoners. In the Argonne we were subjected on our right to a lively attack from the enemy, to which we replied with a counter attack which brought us back to our point of departure.
"In the Woivre district, to the northwest of Flirey, in the Forest of Ailly and in the Forest of Le Pretre, we made some progress.

"In the region of Cernay we maintained our position. Further to the south, the enemy, strongly reinforced, reoccupied Burnhaupt-le-Haut, at the expense of heavy losses."

Germans Report 1,200 Prisoners at Point Where French Claim Victory

BERLIN (By wireless to London).—The following official communication was given out to-day at Army Headquarters:

"On the western front there have been heavy rains, which seemed more like cloudbursts than anything else. Thunder was heard all day yesterday. The Lys at some places has overflowed its banks.
"Several attacks of the enemy to the northeast of Soissons were beaten off with severe loss to the French.
"A French attack near Perthes north of Châlons, was repulsed with severe loss to the enemy.
"In the eastern section of the

Argonne our troops successfully stormed French positions and took 1,200 prisoners and some mine throwers and a bronze mortar.
A Lorraine battalion and the Hessian landwehr particularly distinguished themselves in this fight. One of our advanced trenches, which we at the time were not occupying, near Flirey, was occupied by the French and at once blown up. All of the French occupants were killed.
"Both west and south of Semmehelm (Cernay) there is nothing to report. The French have been driven out of Burnhaupt-le-Haut and the trenches there, into their old positions. Some 150 prisoners (Continued on Second Page.)

DOCTOR'S FATHER ELOPES WITH SON'S BRAND NEW BRIDE

Franklin D. Wood's Divorce
Suit Reveals Wife Ran Away
on Wedding Night.

PARENT SECRET RIVAL.

H. J. Wood and Girl Still
Together in St. Louis After
Two Years.

Youth was not served in the case of Franklin D. Wood, a young hospital interne who is suing his twenty-year-old wife, Lelia, for a divorce, naming his own father as co-respondent.

Young Wood married the wife he is trying to get rid of two years ago and it was charged before Justice Cahalan to-day that his father, Henry Jackson Wood, stole the little bride on the very night of the wedding and eloped with her to Chicago.

In running away with his son's wife, it is alleged in the suit, Wood abandoned his own wife, the mother of the son he despoiled. Wood and his daughter-in-law are now said to be living together in St. Louis.

It was an awful shock to young Mr. Wood when his bride told him an hour after they were married that she loved another and an older man. It was more of a shock when his bride disappeared the day of the wedding and his father dropped out of sight at the same time. The culminating shock did not arrive until six months later, when the young man learned for the first time that his father and his wife had gone away together.

Mrs. Henry Jackson Wood has paid two visits to her husband and her daughter-in-law in an effort to persuade them to separate. Her trips were fruitless. Her husband wants her to get a divorce so he can marry his daughter-in-law. The situation stood in that light until the young man determined to bring suit for divorce.

The elder Wood is forty-five, but does not look nor act his age. It appears he was his son's secret rival all through the latter's courtship, but did not realize the strength of his affection for the fair Lelia until after she had married his offspring. His work from that time on was quick and decisive.

A few words to the bride from Wood wound up the romance of his son. Previously, however, Wood and his son had been photographed with the young woman. That photograph is all young Wood has left to remind him of the dream of domestic bliss which was exploded by his father.

Young Wood, who is not yet twenty-three, told of having wooed his bride for more than six months. She professed to love him deeply, he testified, and seemed attached to him until immediately after the wedding ceremony. Then her manner grew cold suddenly, and on the way to his father's home she told him that she did not love him.

"There is an older man and you know who he is, but I'm not going to tell his name. He's the man I really love," Wood quoted his bride as saying to him.

A honeymoon planned by the couple was abandoned, and following the quarrel between the young couple they went to their separate homes on the wedding night. Mrs. Henry Jackson Wood discovered the next morning that her husband was missing. Simultaneously young Wood learned that his bride had left her home for unknown parts. For more than six (Continued on Second Page.)

Bride, Her Husband and His Father, Who Eloped With Her on Night of Wedding



HENRY JACKSON WOOD
THE FATHER

FRANKLIN WOOD
THE SON

LELIA WOOD
THE BRIDE

SAVED VANDERBILTS, GIVEN \$7,000 BERTH

Liner's Captain Who Rescued Ship-
wrecked Party Made Yacht Captain
at Record Salary.

Good seamanship and kindly consideration have won for Capt. Walter H. Bevan, for many years a skipper of United Fruit Company steamers, a berth as master of the palatial yacht *Warrior*, now the property of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, at the biggest salary ever paid a yachtmaster, \$7,000 a year. This is nearly three times his wage as captain of a commercial liner.

About a year ago, when Frederick W. Vanderbilt owned the *Warrior* and with his wife was entertaining the Duke and Duchess of Manchester on a cruise in Caribbean waters, she went on the rocks off the coast of Venezuela. Capt. Bevan went to the rescue with the United Fruit liner *Almirante* and took off the Vanderbilts and their guests.

Mr. Vanderbilt formed a close friendship with the skipper. When Capt. Bevan was ill in a hospital here, recently, the most frequent inquirer regarding him was Mr. Vanderbilt. The *Warrior* was brought to New York and sold to Harry Payne Whitney, who resold her to Vanderbilt. She is now being fitted out under the direction of Capt. Bevan, who was engaged at the instance of F. W. Vanderbilt for a winter West Indian cruise.

One of the features of the remodelled ship will be a big nursery for the Vanderbilt baby.

WHEAT PRICES SLUMP.

Fear of Embargo Sends Market
Figures Down Two Points.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Wheat dropped to-day as if struck with a hammer. Opening prices were in some cases nearly two cents a bushel lower than last night. May sold down to \$1.35, as compared with \$1.37 a bushel on Friday. Fear of the effects of talk of an embargo on the export of breadstuffs, as well as on arms and ammunition, and much to do with the custom duties (Continued on Second Page.)

BOSTON SOCIETY DANCED TILL 3 A. M. DESPITE THE MAYOR

Nobody Had a Watch, So How
Was Any to Know Order to
Stop at 2 Was Broken?

(Special to The Evening World.)
BOSTON, Jan. 9.—S. Hooper, leader of Boston's society cotillions, and Mayor James M. Curley clashed to-day over a question of public morals.

The Mayor ordered Mr. Hooper to stop his dance at the Copley-Plaza at 2 o'clock this morning and Mr. Hooper-Hooper, in spite of the official edict, kept the dancing going merrily until after 3 o'clock. "Nobody had a watch," is the statement of some society people who danced till 3 in spite of the Mayor. They added "There was no clock in sight and how were we to know it was after 2?"

"I will most certainly take action," announced the Mayor, when he was notified by telephone that it was long past 2 and dancing was still going on.

Patronesses of the dance were Mrs. Bryce J. Allan, Mrs. Gordon Abbott, Mrs. Rodolph L. Agassiz, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, Mrs. William C. Endicott Jr., Mrs. Henry S. Hunnewell, Mrs. Horatio A. Lamb, Mrs. George von L. Meyer, Mrs. E. Probie Motley and Mrs. Philip S. Sears.

SAILING TO-DAY.

St. Paul, Liverpool,.....12 M.
Sagamore, Havana,.....12 M.

PRISONER ON WAY HERE ESCAPES FROM TRAIN

Robert Helt, Charged With Trying
to Extort Money From New
Yorker, Jumps Through Window.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Robert Helt, being taken from Chicago to New York to be tried on a charge of using the mails in an attempt to extort money, escaped to-day at Pittsburgh, Pa., by jumping through a car window while the train was moving slowly through the yards.

This information was conveyed in a telegram to the local authorities from Deputy U. S. Marshal John Stach, who had Helt in custody. The fugitive was charged with threatening to murder H. A. Guess of New York, a constructing engineer employed by the Guggenheims, if he did not give him \$1,700 which Helt claimed the engineer owed him.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Ocean, Gibraltar,.....11 A. M.

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G. Franklin Stringer, Twenty-Seven
Years Old, Junior Member of Firm
of Stringer & Co., Calmly Enters
Office and Shoots Self.

LOST ALL FIRM'S FUNDS IN WHEAT SPECULATION

Feared to Face Friends He Ruined
—Read of Disgrace on Ticker
and Pulled Trigger.

G. Franklin Stringer Jr., well known in Wall Street as Frank Stringer, and junior member and partner of his father in the Stock Exchange firm of G. F. Stringer & Co., shot and killed himself in the offices of the concern on the sixteenth floor of the Lord's Court Building, Exchange Place and William Street, to-day just about the time the announcement was made on the Stock Exchange that the firm had failed. The junior partner, who was twenty-seven years old, had speculated in wheat with money belonging to customers and was wiped out in yesterday's big market.

Losses incurred by the young man in the grain market and in Reading Railroad stocks, combined with losses sustained by his father in extensive Mexican mining and development companies forced the firm to the wall. The liabilities are estimated at \$160,000. Most of the customers of the firm who will lose by the failure are personal friends of young Stringer and went into the market on his solicitation. Rather than face their reproaches he ended his life.

PENSIONS FOR WIDOWED MOTHERS SEEM CERTAIN

Majority in Senate and Assembly
Declared Assured for Pro-
posed New Statute.

ALBANY, Jan. 8.—Pensions for widowed mothers it seems certain will be provided by statute during the coming session of the New York State Legislature. The Commission appointed during Sulzer's term to investigate the question has been active and, according to reports, already has formulated a general outline of New York's Pension Bill. Members of the Commission have made a close study of the Pension bill for widowed mothers passed in Illinois. Under this law, widows who find it impossible to support their children are given aid by the State in the form of an annual allowance. The payments continue until the children are able to support themselves.

It is unofficially reported that the pensioning of widowed mothers is favored by a majority of the Assembly and Senate, thus insuring the passage of the measure when it is presented by the Commission. Gov. Whitman has not made public his views on State support for widowed mothers, but it is said he will undoubtedly look with favor upon the bill when it comes before him.

1,500 PARDONS BY BLEASE.

Full Liberty Given All Convicts
Paroled Since 1911.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 9.—Full pardons to about 1,500 convicts were granted to South Carolina of various crimes and paroled since Jan. 1, 1911, under the act for their release.

The firm of Stringer & Co. was formerly Jewell & Stringer, and young Stringer went in the office as a clerk soon after being graduated from High School in Brooklyn. In 1913 his father bought the Stock Exchange seat of Mr. Jewell and took his son in as partner. The firm did a commission business and was not prominent on the Exchange, but the older Stringer was heavily interested in Mexican properties, being President and Director of the Guanajuato Development Company, and the Securities Company, Limited, and Director of the Guanajuato Gold Mines Company, the Mexican Mining and Transportation Company, the Peregrina Mining and Milling Company, and the Pinguine Mines Company.

VICTIM MARRIED DAUGHTER OF MANUFACTURER.
The young man married the daughter of a wealthy manufacturer of Bridgeport, Conn., three years ago and lived with his wife and eighteen-month-old daughter at No. 146 Peninsula Street, Flatbush. His father lives at No. 1609 Ditmars Avenue, Flatbush.

Young Stringer went into the wheat market without his father's knowledge a month ago. At the conclusion of trading yesterday he confided to his father that he had lost all the available funds of the firm. The elder Stringer immediately communicated with C. A. Decker, an attorney, at No. 100 Broadway, relative to making an assignment.

Mr. Decker made an appointment with the Stringers for 10 o'clock this morning. The elder Stringer telephoned him at 10:10 o'clock asking him whether the announcement of failure should be made from the firm's office or the attorney's office. Mr. Decker replied: "Come to my office at 11 o'clock and we will make the announcement."